

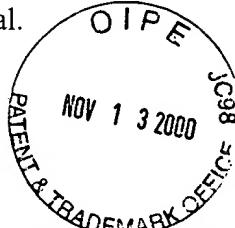
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Robert A. GELMAN et al.

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For : COATING COMPOSITIONS AND SUBSTRATES COATED THEREWITH



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cancel and amend the claims as shown below. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 (c), a marked-up copy of amended claims 8, 15, 21, 54, 84, and 108 is attached.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 7, 12-14, 17, 20, 53, 57, 72-76, 83, 87, 107, and 116.

Please amend claims 8, 15, 21, 54, 58, 84, 88, 108 and 110 as follows:

8. (Amended - Clean Text) The composition of claim 2 wherein the film-forming polymer is selected from at least one polymer derived from at least one monomer selected from at least one of styrene, dimethylstyrene, vinyltoluene, chloroprene, butadiene, ethylene, acrylamide, acrylonitrile, acrolein, methylacrylate, ethylacrylate, acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, methyl methacrylate, n-butyl acrylate, vinylidene chloride, vinyl ester, vinyl chloride, vinyl acetate, acrylated urethane, hydroxyethyl acrylate, dimethylaminoethyleneacrylate, and vinyl acetate.